

REMARKS

Original Claims 1-22 were each rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 based on one or more of three Japanese patent publications. Claims 1-10, 16-18 and 20-22 were rejected on the JP 2003-142364 reference. Claims 11-15 and 19 were rejected on either of the JP 2003-137847 and JP 2002-198263 references.

Applicants submit that neither of the rejections of Claims 11-15 and 19 are supported by the references on which they are based. Nevertheless, to more precisely distinguish those claims, applicants have cancelled Claims 11 and 12 and rewritten them in amended form as Claims 23 and 24. New independent Claim 23 corresponds substantially to a combination of Claims 10 and 11. Claims 24-30 depend from Claim 23.

In the foregoing context, Applicants submit that a presumption exists that neither the JP 2003-137847 reference nor the JP 202-198263 reference is anticipated by Claim 23. The fact is that in the International Preliminary Report on Patentability filed in parent PCT application PCT/JP 2004/010996, each of these two Japanese references were found to be novel with respect to the claimed subject matter. A copy of that report is attached hereto.

In the event that Claim 23 is rejected on the 35 U.S.C. §102 grounds referred to, applicants request that each element of Claim 23 be literally identified in at least one of the references relied upon. Allowance of Claims 23-30 is respectfully requested.

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 01 June 2006 (01.06.2006)	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
Applicant's or agent's file reference B030277	
International application No. PCT/JP2004/010996	International filing date (day/month/year) 26 July 2004 (26.07.2004)
Applicant KANEKA CORPORATION et al	

1. Transmittal of the translation to the applicant.



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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

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International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237		
Applicant KANÉKA CORPORATION		

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 *bis*.1(a).

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	11-15, 19	YES
	Claims	1-10, 16-18, 20-22	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	11-15, 19	YES
	Claims	1-10, 16-18, 20-22	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-22	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Document 1: JP 2003-142346 A (Mitsubishi Chemical Corp.) 16 May 2003,
paragraphs 0026-0040

The inventions of claims 1-10, 16-18, and 20-22 are described in document 1
(paragraphs 0026-0040) cited in the ISR, and do not appear to possess novelty or
involve an inventive step.

The inventions of claims 11-15 and 19 are neither described in any of the documents
cited in the ISR, nor obvious to a person skilled in the art.